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SUBJ: EC PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT FOR IRAN

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SUMMARY: IN ACCORDANCE REFTELS A AND B AND AS FOLLOW-
UP TO EMBASSY'S EARLIER APPROACHES TO GON, AMBASSADOR
AND ECON COUNSELOR TODAY REVIEWED WITH FONOFF STATE SECRETARY
BRINKHORST USC'S VERY SERIOUS OBJECTION TO FRG AND DANISH
PROPOSAL FOR PREFERENTIAL "FREE-TRADE AREA"
ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND IRAN. BRINKHORST
ASSURED AMBASSADOR GON IS ALSO OPPOSED TO PREFERENTIAL
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR IRAN. END SUMMARY.

1. BRINKHORST SAID GON WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT EXTENSION OF EC-IRAN TRADE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE KEPT NON-PREFERENTIAL, AND GON WOULD PROPOSE THAT IRANIAN AGREEMENT BE PATTERNED MORE ON NON-PREFERENTIAL GENERAL COOPERATION LINES OF EC-INDIAN AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT GON WAS STILL FIRM BELIEVER IN MULTILATERAL TRADE AND THEREFORE WAS HOPEFUL US ADMINISTRATION WOULD SOON BE GIVEN AUTHORITY OF TRADE BILL TO START MULTINATIONAL TRADE ROUND BEFORE TRADE-NATIONALISM FURTHER ERODES POSITION OF THOSE FAVORING REESTABLISHING EFFECTIVENESS AND RESPECTIBILITY OF MULTILATERAL TRADING INSTITUTIONS. AMBASSADOR ASSURED BRINKHORST US WAS NOT OPPOSED TO CLOSER NON-DISCRIMINATORY COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN AND EC, AND NOTED US ADMINISTRATION WAS HOPEFUL THAT TRADE BILL WOULD BE PASSED IN POST-ELECTION SESSION OF THE CONGRESS. BRINKHORST THEN REFERRED TO HIS PLANNED TRIP TO WASHINGTON (REF C) AND AGAIN SAID HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY AT THAT TIME TO DISCUSS EC RELATIONSHIP WITH LDCS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: BRINKHORST CONCLUDED INTERVIEW BY SAYING IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO GON PRIOR TO MEETING WITH EC MEMBERS ON IRAN AGREEMENT TO HAVE SOME FEELING FOR RESPONSE OF FRG AND DANISH GOVTS TO RECENT APPROACHES BY USG. SINCE GON IS WILLING TO SUPPORT US POSITION, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE BRINKHORST WITH SUCH INFORMATION AND REQUESTS APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE.
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